

is the most rapidly growing town in the western part of Arkansas. It is high up in the mountains and a very fine climate. The town is only nine years old and now has about 6,000 population. The Presbyterians have two beautiful lots in the center of the town and now have a manse and a church building, which are worth at least \$7,000. Presbyterians seeking homes in this section should visit Mena before locating elsewhere.—*Southern Presbyterian*.

**Pine Bluff.**—The board of trustees of the Pine Bluff Presbyterian Training School effected a permanent organization on January 11, 1906, by electing Rev. B. E. Wallace, president, Noel Martin, secretary, and S. B. Meek, treasurer. Mr. D. L. Paisley, of Hope, Arkansas, was elected principal of this school, which is to be located in Warren, and he will take charge of affairs June 1.

**Hot Springs.**—A handsome new church building is soon to be erected on the site of the old one in this famous resort city. It is expected to cost \$30,000, and of this amount \$12,380 has been raised. They hope to begin work on it in March or April. The pastor, Rev. F. W. Thompson, in his enthusiasm for the new structure, announces that it is their plan to hold Thanksgiving services in it next November.

#### ALABAMA.

**Mobile.**—The people of Mobile are eagerly looking forward to the union meetings under the direction of Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and his corps of gospel workers and singers, to begin February 28, and last at least two weeks. Our hearts are longing for a pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our city and on our churches.—*Southern Presbyterian*.

#### FLORIDA.

**Pensacola.**—The First Presbyterian Church of this city, feeling the necessity of increasing its official force, at a congregational meeting held last Sabbath, elected J. A. Chaffin, A. D. Morrison and W. S. Garfield as additional ruling elders, and W. N. Roberts, B. S. Williams and Clyde E. Wilson and R. P. Reese as additional deacons. This church is having a healthy growth, and the pastor, Rev. J. S. Sibley, is much encouraged.

W. B. F. L. writes to the Lexington Gazette from Safety Harbor, Florida:

"Rev. Mr. Wilkie, whom some of you remember, attended the General Assembly in Lexington, is still preaching at Dunedin, a town six miles from this place, and Dr. Yerger at Clear Water. Both are very acceptable to the people. Rev. Mr. Wells, a Methodist minister, called to see us. This being a new field, there is more or less need for the religious influences, which rarely come to a people, unless introduced by some good minister. Such, we hope, to have before many years. A community without the influences and moral restraints of Christianity will soon 'go to the dogs,' and would not make good food for alligators."

#### GEORGIA.

**Atlanta.**—Rev. and Mrs. J. Mercer Blain, of Sinciang, China, spent last Sunday in Atlanta. Mrs. Blain is the missionary of the North Avenue church and addressed the ladies of that church on her work. Mr. Blain preached in the North Avenue church on Sunday morning.

**Atlanta, West End.**—There were eight additions on Sunday, February 4th. The congregations have rapidly increased in numbers. The outlook is bright.

**Bessamer.**—The church has plans for the erection of a new building. The congregation has outgrown the capacity of the old church.

**Columbus.**—As evidence of spiritual growth in the First Church there are over four hundred persons committed to the study of the Sunday school lesson every week, of whom less than half are in the Home Department. On the first Sabbath of January it was decided to contribute during this year for foreign and local home missions at least \$1,000, of which a good part is already in sight, and on the first Sabbath of February it was resolved to increase by \$300 per annum the pastor's salary from January 1, 1906. The people had a mind to do these things and did them cheerfully.

**Cuthbert.**—On last Sunday the new church was dedicated, the sermon being preached by Dr. E. O. Guerrant. This service is being followed by a series of meetings, conducted by Dr. Guerrant. During the holidays, a debt of \$500, balance due on the \$1,400 pipe organ, was wiped out. This new church and furnishings represent an expenditure of something like \$10,000.00 and is most creditable to the congregation, church and town. While it has been

completed for some months, the congregation did not care to dedicate it until all obligations were paid.

**Newnan.**—On Sunday, January 28, at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M., we had the privilege of hearing Rev. G. W. Painter, of Hanchow, China, in two unusual addresses on "Foreign Relations and Foreign Missions in China," giving statesmanlike and unbiased views of missions and the Eastern Question, especially interesting to our business men. He deserves a wide hearing, and his efforts are appreciated wherever he goes. The pastor, Rev. C. O'N. Martindale, and his people feel the beneficial stimulus to greater devotion and self-sacrifice after hearing the words of such a noble servant of God.—*Southern Presbyterian*.

#### KENTUCKY.

**Carrollton.**—Rev. J. M. La Bach, pastor, has lately received twelve persons into the communion of this church.

**Frankfort.**—Dr. J. Addison Smith has been assisting Rev. William Crow in a meeting of two weeks' continuance in the South Frankfort Church.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. C. B. Ratchford and the church at Kirksville, Kentucky, has been dissolved and he goes to Georgia to become pastor of the churches of Alpine, Beer Sheba and Walnut Grove in Cherokee Presbytery.

**Normal.**—Rev. J. M. Evans, of Maysville, is holding a meeting with Rev. S. D. Boggs at Normal, midway between Catlettsburg and Ashland. These places are connected by rail and a street car line. An effort has been made to consolidate the two and locate the county seat at Normal. Should this be done, Normal would be a most important point for our church. The meeting has been largely attended from the first night, when the seating capacity of the church was exhausted. The interest was manifest then and has increased in intensity. There have been twenty-eight additions to the Presbyterian church, with many more deeply concerned about the importance of immediate acceptance of the Saviour.—*Observer*.

**Westminster Church, Louisville.**—This church is now rejoicing in the result of the Scriptural method of giving, namely, of tithing. Soon after the present pastor took charge, about four years ago, he, at the request of the deacons, preached on the subject of giving, and suggested the forming of a league to be called the "Tenth Legion of Westminster Church," the members binding themselves to give one-tenth of their net income to the Lord's work. After the sermon twenty persons came forward and joined this league. The church was burdened by a debt of \$10,400, the membership being at that time about one hundred and fifty-six. It was not long before the pastor's salary was increased \$300, and the debt began a steady decrease. A bond was taken up last week, which reduced the debt to \$4,750, and the membership now numbers three hundred. A meeting began on Sunday last, and the pastor, Mr. Tyler, is assisted by Mr. Miley, of Portland. Services will be held daily.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

**Marion.**—At a congregational meeting, held on Wednesday night, February 7th, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Charles E. Myers, of Williams, West Va., to become the pastor of this church, made vacant by the removal of the Rev. W. S. Wilson. The Rev. C. W. Trawick, of Hickory, presided over the meeting.

**Mooreville.**—Rev. Willis S. Wilson was installed pastor of the Mooreville Church on the 28th of January. Rev. A. T. Graham presided and preached the sermon. Rev. Dr. J. M. Wharey charged the pastor. As he had been pastor of this people for nineteen years, his words to the young pastor were full of affection and tenderness. Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., charged the people, many of whom were once members of the two congregations in the country lying about Mooreville, which he has served for near forty-five years. This is a very strong church and the new pastor has an unusual field for usefulness. The people gave him a most cordial welcome, and his "lot has fallen in pleasant places and his is, indeed, a goodly heritage."

**Davidson.**—Dr. Graham is conducting this week a series of services preparatory to the communion on Sunday. It had been his purpose to do all the preaching himself, but a sudden attack of hoarseness has made it necessary for him to ask help. Dr. J. B. Wharey has, for two evenings past, preached with great acceptability to his hearers simple but rich gospel sermons with a fervor that was very impressive and effective in bringing the truth home.

Last Sunday night Dr. Graham preached a sermon of unusual strength and power. The occasion was the monthly concert of prayer for missions. Following his custom of late, of discussing a topic of vital interest to young men as to what they shall make out of life, and how to use their lives, he took as his text "Weighed in the Balances and Found Wanting." The thought that evidently lay heavy on the heart of the speaker was the wide difference between the promise and the fulfillment of the promise in the case of so many young men who volunteer in their college days for the foreign field, but who, in the supreme moment, when the time approaches for carrying out their purpose to go as a herald of the cross to the heathen, fall away from their high resolve and allow themselves to enter upon work nearer home, work that has in it far less of the heroic and of the martyr spirit. Dr. Graham has a right to speak in this matter and his words carry weight, for he it said to his honor in his younger days he offered himself once and again as a foreign missionary, but each time was declined because the physical examination proved unsatisfactory. An explanation why so many "volunteers" never see service is here in the text, "found wanting," in the qualities needed and unable to stand the test required.

**Gastonia.**—The First Church, Rev. R. C. Anderson, pastor, has a monthly paper, "Our Church Record," which comes full of matters of interest in the work of this strong and fruitful church. It reports the work of the churches and missions of Gaston county. A new and attractive manse is nearing completion. This church supports a home missionary, Rev. T. C. Croker, Columbus, N. C., and a foreign missionary, Dr. James B. Woods, of Tsing-Kiang-Pu, China. Mr. H. Ward Shannon is its candidate for the ministry in Union Seminary.

#### NORTHERN PRESBYTERIAN.

The Rev. Robert Watson, Ph. D., has been appointed Professor of Pastoral Theology in Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, Canada, a Ph. D. of Princeton University and a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Watson is the pastor of the Second Church, Cincinnati, and is said to be especially qualified to train and impress the students in preaching and in pastoral work.

We learn with regret of the death of Professor Timothy G. Darling, D. D., of Auburn Theological Seminary. A ripe scholar, a man of broad views, and a clean thinker, he will be widely missed in the circles of the Presbyterian Church, where he was so well known, and so widely beloved.

The historic Park Street Congregational Church in Boston has installed another Presbyterian as co-pastor. Dr. John L. Withrow, the pastor, still retains his membership in the Boston Presbytery, and now Rev. Dr. A. Z. Conrad, who was formerly a Presbyterian pastor in Brooklyn, has been installed as co-pastor.

The Boards of Home and Foreign Missions are grateful that they are able to say that the entire mortgage indebtedness upon the Presbyterian Building in New York, has now been cancelled.

#### FOREIGN CHURCHES.

The Free Churches of England will press on the new government the policy of disestablishment of the State Church in Wales. There the Nonconformists are largely in the majority. Disestablishment in Wales has long been regarded as a measure of justice even by many of the strongest supporters of a State Church in England. The Liberal Party would have brought it about in 1886, had it not been for Gladstone, who blocked the way. Gladstone disestablished the State Church in Ireland, in order to free the Roman Catholics from their burden, but refused to permit disestablishment in Wales, where the Nonconformist Protestant Churches suffered as much. The Liberal Party is going to the country on the issue of "free trade," as against Chamberlain's plan for protection, and all real reforms will be relegated to a secondary position; but the Nonconformists will make a vigorous fight for the repeal of the Church Education Act, and for separation of Church and State in Wales.

The London Missionary Society has been gladdened by word from Madagascar of a revival during the last two months, when 1,290 persons threw away their heathen charms and became students of the Bible.

Hearty congratulations came from all directions to Principal Rainy, who, on Monday, Jan. 1st, celebrated his eightieth birthday.